If you want to reach the people in the homes in Alexandria and its suburbs place your announcements in the Gazette. If your goods and prices are right you will get the customers.

Alexandria Gazette.

Probably thundershowers this afternoon or tonight. Tomorrow partly cloudy; light variable winds.

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NAME LOCAL COMMITTEE

Executive Committee on Camp Activities Sets Date for General Mass Meeting in This City.

Plans are being perfected daily for the meetings of the executive branch of the army camp activities recently appointed by Governor Henry C. Stuart which will begin in this city next week. Sessions of this committee will begin upon the arrival of the visiting committeemen the latter part of next week and will be held at the home of Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, member of the executive committee.

In addition plans have been mapped out for a general mass meeting which will be held in the Sunday school auditorium of the Westminster Building next Friday night, August 31, at 8 o'clock. A general citizens' committee from this city has been invited to co-operate in the work of the executive committee in outlining work in connection with the army camps now located and soon to be located in this State.

A call has also been extended to all public spirited citizens, both men and women, besides the ones who will represent the various organizations enumerated below to attend the meeting and assist in outlining the work.

Folowing are the organzations of this city which will be represented and the representatives appointed: Chamber of Commerce, Robert S. Jones; Retail Merchants' Association, Samuel W. Pitts; Laymen's League, Robert E. Knight; Elks, Dr. Thomas B. Cochran; Odd Fellows, William Latham; Masons, Edward Shinn; Maccabees, George K. Bender; Royal Arcanum, Charles Hellmuth; Red Men, Kenneth W. Ogden; Trades Union, W. R. Hamilton; Men's Club of St. Paul's Church, Emmett C. Dunn; Alexandria Sunday School Association, John Herndon; Men's Bible Class of Christ Church, Judge Louis C. Barley; Hebrew Benevolent Society, Leopold Ruben; St. Vincent de Paul Society, William Desmond; Parents-Teachers' Association, Mrs. William J. Morton; Red Cross, Miss Rose McDonald; Visiting Nurses Association, Mrs. Taylor Burke; Playground, T. C. Howard; Moving pictures, R. A. Steele; Boy Scouts, Harry A. Rudd; Salvation Army, Captain Herbert Young; Eastern Star, Miss Cora Cochran; Equal Suffrage League, Mrs. Louis N. Duffey.

Second Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. John L. Allison, M. E. Church South, Rev. Dr. E. V. Regester; First Baptist, Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson; Second Baptist, Rev. Owen P. Lloyd; Trinity Methodist, Rev. A. E. Spielman; Methodist Protestant, Rev. R. W. White; St. Paul's Episcopal, Rev. Dr. P. P. Phillips; Christ Episcopal, Rev. Wm. J. Morton; Grace Episcopal, Rev. Edgar Carpenter; St. Mary's Catholic, Rev. Louis Smet; Synagogue; Lutheran.

Representing church societies will be: Episcopal, Mrs. Lorenzo Lewis; Presbyterian, Mrs. William Campbell; Methodist, Mrs. George R. Hill; Baptist, Mrs. E. B. Jackson; Jewish, Mrs. Rosenberg; Catholic, Mrs. T. Marshall Jones; the Epworth League and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will also be represented.

Besides the above organizations, various departments of the municipality will be represented by the various city officials, and representing Alexandria county will be George Washington Lewis, Paul Kester, and Mr. Prosseth. From Fairfax county will be George B. Willis and Walter Roberts.

The executive branch of the general state committee on army and navy camp activities which will arrive in this city next week is composed of the following: Rev. Dr. W. F. Drewry, Petersburg; Frank W. Darling, Hampton; J. T. Mastin, Richmond; George Floyd Rogers, Lynchburg; Albert L. Roper, Norfolk; W. P. Allen, Hopewell, and Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, Alexandria.

Auto Falls in Tree Top

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Charles S. Holt, a member of the Lake Forest colony, lost control of his automobile yesterday and was plunged over the edge of a steep cliff.

Before the auto had fallen far it was caught in a tree top and Mr. Holt was able to climb back to safety.

MEN SLOW TO RESPOND

Only About Eighty Appeared Before the Alexandria Draft Examination Board in This City Today

There were only about eighty men of the 102 who were called before the Alexandria Draft Board for examination who had reported up to noon today. Whether the others have already enlisted or had failed to receive their notification papers is not known. However the case may be, the members of the medical board were waiting for applicants at one o'clock this afternoon, and the board authorized the Gazette to state that it will examine all men tomorrow who have been called for examination for tomorrow and Thursday, if they will be on hand.

The following named men have been accepted, as reported by the board today:

Edward F. Corbin, Peter R. Hale, Paul Anderson, Geo. T. Milstead, Lawrence E. Padgett, Curtis J. Taylor, Frank M. Byrd, James C. Rush, William Thomas, Thomas W. Cook, Charles W. King, Henry W. Armstrong, William B. Richards, Clarence J. Winston.

The following list of men as shown by their numbers have been rejected: 258, 1894, 1878, 1095, 1455, 783, 1813, 1858, 1117, 2195, 837, 337, 676, 275, 509, 1185, 564, 2166, 945, 1763, 1267, 2148, 536, 1495, 2453, 548, 126, 1679, 1237, 1369, 118, 1676, 1891, 1986, 1682, 309, 604, 43, 2181.

ALLIES PLAN TO DEFER.

Lord Robert Cecil Announces That Views Will be Exchanged Before Reply is Sent.

London, Aug. 21.—Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade and Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the entente allied governments would hold a conference before a reply to the Pope's peace proposals would be sent to the Vatican.

Lord Cecil's statement in the British Parliament yesterday that the entente governments would hold a conference before replying to Pope Benedict's peace proposals is understood at the State Department as meaning that the governments will exchange views, not that there is to be a gathering of Premiers or Foreign Ministers for a formal conference.

So far there has been no occasion for the State Department to join any of the several conferences which have been held in the capitals of the entente nations during the war, though American army and naval officers have taken part in some of the deliberations of the technical men. This attitude on the part of the United States government is understood to have been due to no lack of sympathy or determination to cooperate fully, but rather to the conviction that so far these conferences have had to do with strictly European issues.

No such limitation applies to the Pope's peace proposals, of course, as these touch interests vital to the United States. It is believed, however, that the necesary measure of co-operation between the nations at war with Germany can be secured through cabled exchanges and conferences between the diplomatic representatives.

It was said today that these exchanges woud begin very soon. Strong objection is made at present by officials of the administration to attempts on the part of the press to forecast the nature of the reply that will be made by President Wilson.

PLENTY OF BUCKWHEAT

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 21.—Predictions are being made by State officials that Pennsylvania will have a record breaking buckwheat crop this year because of an increase of 15 per cent. in the acreage devoted to that grain. Pennsylvania has led the nation for years in buckwheat and the "war" yield of 1917 may go to 6,200,000 bushels. Last year it was more than 4,250,000 bushels.

The increase is due to planting of the grain in mountainous counties on a more extensive scale.

Excursion Friday.

Don't fail to go on the excursion to Marshall Hall, Friday of this week with the G. I. A. of the Brotherhood of Locomotive engineers. 198-4t.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mrs. W. S. Conley and son returned today from Nailina, N. C.

Mr. Leonard Chesser has gone to Colonial Beach for a two weeks' stay.

Delegates from the fire companies of this city to the State Firemen's Convention which meets this week at Pulaski, left here at 4:25 o'clock this morning.

Sergeant Wilkinson today arrested Leslie Bradford, a young colored womah, on the charge of stealing $20 at Marshall, Fauquier county. The accused was later turned over to Deputy Sheriff Sampson, of Fauquier.

An entertainment for the benefit of the soldiers and sailors in the vicinity of Alexandria will be given this evening at 8 o'clock in the Parish hall of St. Paul's Episcopal church. The citizens generally are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Kathryn Bradley, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever, is reported to be much improved.

Mrs. and Mrs. George A. Warfield have returned from Atlantic City.

Mrs. E. Barrett left today to visit her sister Mrs. Formet, in Petersburg, Va.

Mrs. R. L. Goods has gone to Richmond where she will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Bertram Dienelt.

Examinations were held yesterday and today at the Southern Railway machine shop in this city for boys for apprentices as machinists.

Mr. M. L. Estes and family, who have been residents of Alexandria for several years, have moved to Salisbury, North Carolina, where Mr. Estes has accepted a position as road foreman of locomotives on the Danville division of the Southern Railway.

Mrs. J. E. Chesser, and son, Herman, left today for Somerset, Va.,

Mrs. L. O. Hardin has returned form a two weeks' trip to Pennsylvania.

The Willard W. C. T. U. will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in Trinity Methodist church.

Mrs. Collins and daughter who have been visiting relatives on Seminary Hill left today for Salisbury, N. C.

Mrs. F. W. Koch and daughter Amie, of Bloomfield, N. J., are guests at the home of Mrs. F. E. Ludwig, Lilac Terrace, North Braddock.

Tomorrow, (Wednesday) evening, at eight o'clock, the American Indian Guard Band and the Alexandria Light Infantry will parade on King street. After the parade the band will give an open air concert at the Confederate monument.

CLAIMS FOR EXEMPTIONS.

State Council of Defense Goes on Record Against General Vocational Exemptions.

The Virginia Council of Defense, at its meeting yesetterday in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol in Richmond, passed a resolution dealing with the question of vocational exemption under the army draft law.

The council took the ground that only those persons should be exempted who, on affidavit, are shown to be essential to the particular work or industry, itself closely related to the proper conduct of the war, in which they may be engaged. The resolution adopted was as follows:

"Resolved, that this council advises that vocational exemption shall only be given those who are essential to the production of food, or to an industry or profession necessarily related to the efficient conduct of the war.

Of the seven members present, four voted for the resolution and three voted against it. The division was not on the resolution itself, but on the advisability of making any recommendation at this time on the difficult subject of exemptions. Those who voted for it thought that the council should express its views now in view of the many perplexing problems connected with the general subject.

FOILS U-BOATS

Steamer Scores Hit Going Over.—Drives Off Craft Returning.

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 21.—A hit on a German submarine on the outward voyage and the successful thwarting of an attack by another German submarine on the trip back to this country were reported by officers of a British steamer, which arrived last night. The first submarine was sighted about 300 miles off the coast of France.

Naval gunners aboard the steamer immediately opened fire. The third shot hit the submarine's periscope and the underwater craft disappeared.

On the way back to the United States the steamer encountered the second submarine. The gunners again opened fire before the submarine could begin with her guns, but they do not believe they scored a hit as the enemy submerged too quickly.

Judge Robert S. Lovett, former head of the Union Pacific, and member of the War Industries Board, was placed in direct control of the coal situation in the United States, by President Wilson yesterday. Judge Lovett immediately exercised the authority given under the priority bill to issue an order to relieve the congestion of coal in the Middle West.

To the Stockholders of the Howard Lumber Company, Inc.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Howard Lumber Company, incorporated, will be held at the principal office of the company, No. 111 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, at 11:00 a. m. Tuesday, September 4, 1917, to elect Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

JAY P. FELT, Secretary.

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TO EXEMPT MARRIED MEN.

President Would Modify Harsh Enforcement of Conscription Law.

President Wilson is going to modify the draft regulations as applied to married men.

This was forecast yesterday by a source close to the White House. From the same source it was learned that the President's ideas of how the law should be carried out in this respect will be made plain before the week ends, probably in the form of a letter to Secretary of War Baker.

The following modifications of the regulations will be among those to be suggested, it was said last night:

1—Men with dependent children will be exempt in every case unless they are men of wealth. At present, under Provost Marshal General Crowder's interpretation of the law, such men are not exempt if the parents either of themselves or of the wife are able to take care of her and the children.

It is pointed out that the present interpretation of the law creates a class distinction. Under it laboring men would be exempt in practically every instance, as their parents or their wives' parents would scarcely be in a position to assume an added burden, while on the other hand business, scientific and professional men would bear the burden of the rule.

2—Because a woman worked before marriage it will not follow that her husband will be refused exemption on the ground that she can go back to work and take care of herself. The President is said to realize that this view of the ruling, as now being applied by local boards on Gen. Crowder's instructions, works grave hardships in many cases. A woman's health may be not as good as before marriage, and, what is still more important, she may not be able to get a position of the character she had when wedded. This applies especially to women who were school teachers and in other professional and semi-professional employments. The President regards the present situation as a grave injustice to many women, it is said, and is determined that more leniency shall be shown in translating the law in this regard.

3—Married men owning their own business or engaged in the professions, such as doctors, lawyers, architects, etc., will in all probability receive exemption, as the President realizes that hardship not alone would be imposed during the period of the war, but afterwards if these men were removed from their homes and were forced to rebuild their business or work up another medical or legal practice afterward. In case, however, they have sufficient funds to maintain their wives during their absence at war, exemption will not be granted. The same is true if either the man of wife has an income sufficient to meet her needs, as those needs must be restricted to the national sacrifice of war.

No Vaudeville at Richmond Theatre.

There will not be any vaudeville at the Richmond theatre tonight as wa sexpected. The price of admission will be only ten cents.

FIGHTING ON WEST FRONT

Allies Capture Four Thousand Germans and Inflict Great Loss.

Sharp, decisive blows have gained for the French positions held by the Germans on a front of more than 11 miles in the Verdun region, extending from the Avocourt wood eastward across the River Meuse and into the Bois de Chaume.

Four thousand prisoners already have been counted by the French, and doubtless this number will be materially augmented when full details of the fighting are at hand. In addition, the Germans lost heavily in men killed or wounded and in guns and machine guns captured.

British tanks scored another triumph in the capture of important German positions Sunday morning in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Poelcapelle road, north of St. Julien. It was a tank show almost from start to finish, and the infantry in this case played the part of supernumeraries in support of the leading actors, while large numbers of the enemy troops added a final melodramatic touch by surrendering abjectly or fleeing in terror as the heavy leads lumbered onto the stage and "reached for their shooting irons."

Noncommissioned German officers relate how they are hampered by the demoralization of the younger recruits with whom they are supplied. They say they cannot rely on these youngsters, and similar complaints are heard about the inefficiency of the young German officers in the battle of Flanders. The demoralization of certain German regiments at Langemarck and Polygon wood last Thursday was complete, and this was due, according to captured noncommissioned officers, to the preponderance of 18-year-old youths in the ranks.

The 201st and 202d regiments of the 79th division fled to the rear at Langemarck, and many were killed by the British artillery as they ran. Both these regiments were ordered to counter attack later, but could not because they were so exhausted and nerve-racked.

Conscript Killed in Fall

Washington, Aug. 21.—Plunging sixty feet from the top of a tank of the Washington Gas Light Company, at Twelfth and M. streets southeast, Bernard G. Humphrey, twenty-five years old, of 109 Seventh street southeast, was killed almost instantly today.

Humphrey, who is a tinner, was working on the roof of the tank, when, it is believed, he lost his balance. The man was unconscious when picked up and died in an ambulance on the way to Casualty Hospital.

At the hospital he was identified by his war registration card, found in his pocket. Coroner Nevitt will view the body.

Death Notice.

Died, August 24, 1917, Frank Wells, aged 15 years, son of Mrs. Henry Borden. Funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 9:30 from St. Mary's Catholic church. Relatives and friends invited. 199-1t.

Excursion Notice.

Go with the American Indian Guard Band to Marshall Hall, Friday August 24. Get tickets from any band member. 199-2t.

FIERCEST OF BATTLES

Torrent of Steel and Fire Descends on Germans From North Sea to Switzerland.

With the French armies in the field, Aug. 21.—The greatest battle of the world war is being fought today.

From the seacoast to the Swiss frontier—over 435 miles—the allied forces are fighting a practically continuous offensive.

France's great assault at Verdun, still driving on today, completes the chain of battles which are welded in the forge of war into one gigantic action of unprecedented extent and power.

The great battle started with the Anglo-French offensive in Flanders, extended to the British offensive at Lens, thence to the French attacks around St. Quentin, then to the French offensives at Chemin des Dames, Moronvillers, and Verdun, and concluded with heavy artillery fighting in Lorraine and Alsace down to Switzerland.

The western front has never seen such an extensive battle. Nor has the allies' superiority everywhere been so asserted.

With three more months of fighting weather this year, Germany's hold on the western front may become precarious before winter.

Perfect co-ordination of stategy underlies the British and French attacks. They have been so timed as to convert all the fighting into one great battle.

CYCLIST KILLED IN FALL

Morris Brown Found in Ditch With Body Against Telegraph Pole.

Baltimore, Aug. 21.—Believed to have been thrown against a telegraph pole and then into a ditch by the skidding of his motorcycle on the Washington Boulevard, about 14 miles from this city, yesterday morning, Morris Brown, 2110 Callow avenue, died from his injuries and shock several hours later at St. Agnes Hospital.

Brown told physicians at the hospital that he remembered nothing from the time he felt his machine skid until a negro found him with his damaged cycle by his side. A party of Washingtonians, bound for Baltimore, conveyed him to the hospital. His arm and leg were broken.

Brown was returning to this city from Virginia when he met with the accident.

THE ITALIAN OFFENSIVE.

Take Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Prisoners in Drive.

Rome, Aug. 21.—The Italians in their offensive on the Isonzo front, begun yesterday, have crossed the Izonzo River, and already have taken 7,500 prisoners, it is officially announced by the war department.

Guns and machine guns have been captured by the Italians, and the Austrians have suffered serious losses. The infantry battle continues vigorously.

Austria-Hungary is the weak point of greater Teutonia. All the allied representatives lay stress on this fact, whether they view the subect from the Balkans, from Russia, or from Europe. A thrust by Italy into Austria's vitals may bring peace as suddenly as a thunderclap. That, at any rate, is the opinion of men who have spent their lives in studying and practicing European diplomacy.

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THEY KEEP HUSTLING.

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Experience has proved that it pays to use and to read the Gazette Want Ads.

SHOOTING LAST NIGHT

Edward Slaughter, Colored, Kills Ezell Watson, Also Colored, on South Pitt Street.

About 9:30 o'clock last night a difficulty occurred between Edward Slaughter, colored, 18 years old, and Ezell Watson, also colored, which resulted in Watson receiving two wounds from a pistol discharged by Slaughter. A ball entered one of Watson's arms and another the abdomen.

The shooting took place in front of a moving picture show on the east side of Pitt street, between Wilkes and Gibbon. Watson was conveyed to the Alexandria Hospital, and his death occurred this morning. Slaughter in the meantime left the scene and proceeded to the neighborhood of West End, where he has been employed.

Later Sergeants Roberts and Scott, with Officers Mundy, Thompson, Miller and Gill, went in search of Slaughter. They found him upon the place where he is employed and conducted him to the station house.

The trouble between the two men originated over a young colored woman named Alberta Keyer. According to Slaughter's version of the affair, he had been carrying on some pleasantry with Watson concerning his attentions to the woman, when Watson rushed towards his home near by for the purpose of procuring a pistol. He returned to the scene in about ten minutes and discharged the weapon twice at him without effect. Slaughter says he was compelled to draw his pistol and fire at Watson three times in self defense.

Lewis Bell, colored, who was standing near Slaughter and Watson during the shooting, was struck on the leg by a bullet.

DEATH OF MRS. ALLISON

Wife of Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in This City Victim of Paralysis.

A. G. Uhler, elder of the Second Presbyterian Church, today received a telegram from Wytheville sent by Rev. Dr. Jno. Lee Allison, stating that Mrs. Allison died in that place early this afternoon from a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Allison, it will be remembered, left this city two weeks ago for Wytheville for the purpose of spending his annual vacation with his family who had previously gone there. Besides her husband Mrs. Allison is survived by three daughters.

SUICIDE BY FIRE

Woman Worried Over Her Sons Going to War.

York, Pa., Aug. 21.—Worry over the fact that her two sons and a son-in-law had been registered for military service caused Mrs. Paul R. Myers, of Spring Grove, to end her life by pouring kerosene over her clothing and setting herself afire. To the physician she told the reason for desiring to end her life. Mrs. Myers' sons, who were registered for the draft, are Ross Myers, of Gettysburg, and Lester Myers, of Marietta, O. Her son-in-law is John Lieb, of Malta, Mont. These men were drawn for the first call.

The woman was alone in her house yesterday morning when the suicidal impulse came upon her. Her screams attracted neighbors, but before the fire could be extinguished she was burned from head to foot.

PREPARE AGAINST ATTACK

Capital to Have Big Gun to Repel Hostile Aircraft.

A sinister looking anti-aircraft gun, with its motor truck mounting weighing 32,000 pounds, will be brought to Washington this week to protect the city against a possible hostile air attack.

The gun also will be used in instructing officers and men in methods of combating aircraft.

Great secrecy has surrounded the building of this modern weapon.

The gun is one of the largest weapons of its kind ever mounted on a mobile base, and is the last word in defense against attacks from the air.

It is probable that the gun will be stationed at the navy yard. A full crew of gunners, and drivers will be constantly on duty.

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THE NEGRO AND HIS PISTOL

The shooting affray on south Pitt street last night, during which a negro was mortally wounded, again brings to mind the query, Is there no way to bring to a stop the selling of firearms to irresponsible people?

Years ago a steamer known as the Mary Washington, which had been built upon the model of a Mississippi steamer, was carrying a negro excursion party to a park a short distance south of Alexandria. The place was generally termed "Razor Beach," as it was frequented by negroes exclusively, and often razors and pistols played a conspicuous part in the diversions. As the Mary Washington drew near the resort a terrible thunder storm broke, and lightning flashed incessantly over the boat, while the thunder caps were terrifying. The captain suggested that if any of the passengers had anything made of iron or steel in his or her possession, in the interest of safety they should be thrown away at once, as such were liable to attract lightning. In a few seconds many razors and pistols were seen flying through the air into the river.

The above is reproduced to show that some negroes imagine they are not properly equipped without having a pistol, razor or dirk on their persons.

The affray last night is suggestive. One of the parties carried his pistol with him. The man who was mortally wounded had his weapon at home at the time. He lived in the neighborhood, and when angered by his antagonist he rushed to his home and reappeared within a few minutes with the shooting iron.

Several years ago the police endeavored to minimize this menace by arresting a number of suspicious blacks and searching them for concealed weapons. This procedure should be repeated at short intervals. In the meantime shopkeepers who sell pistols should be made to limit their sales to responsible persons only. At present any person who has the necessary wherewithal can procure deadly weapons with which to commit acts against the peace and dignity of the commonwealth.

George Washington is quoted as saying "Never trust a negro with a gun." It would be well for the authorities to remember this warning from the father of his country.

THE DANGEROUS MOSQUITO

This is the season for malarial fever, and a number of cases are reported in Alexandria. This malady is not always regarded as seriously as it should be, nor are the precautions taken which are necessary at this time. It is believed by many that the disease is propagated by mosquitoes, which come in swarms in certain localities at night. In these days of the general screening of houses, these insects are not apt to get in their work within doors, but they are busy outside.

Two members of the family of John A. Skinner, of Richmond, a son of twenty-three, and the young man's mother, lie cold in death, while an older son is not expected to live.

The deaths were caused by a virulent form of malaria.

The three members of Mr. Skinner's family were taken ill on Friday night and it is the theory of the attending physician that the same mosquito bit all three.

The death- dealing parasite in the body of the mosquito takes two weeks to develop. Hence two weeks from Friday the disease-bearing insect must have bitten a person suffering from this dangerous form of the disease.

The investigations of the health department confirmed the opinion of the attending physician.

During the prevailing sultry weather many persons spend a few hours before midnight in front of their homes or in other places where they can enjoy the open air. The Potomac river, Hunting creek and the marshes which almost surround our city breed myriads of mosquitoes, and they make their presence known as soon as the flies retire. Some people smoke cigars or pipes in order to keep them away, while others anoint themselves with certain preparations which it is believed keep the insects at a distance. Coal oil is said to be especially repugnant to mosquitos, and this is sometimes used.

BEHIND GERMAN SCENES.

A letter has been received in Baltimore in the last 48 hours from a city in Germany written by a German subject to a man of German extraction in the monumental city.

This letter contained information to the effeffct that the conditions in Germany were such as to give not only the writer of the letter, but all the inhabitants of that country great concern. The writer predicted that the war would come to an end within six months. His reason for so believing was stated to be, first, that money was exceedingly tight throughout the German Empire, and that the last loan subscribed by the people was only obtained at the point of the bayonet; that the people were entirely dissatisfied and were greatly depressed over the general slaughter of their people by the Allies.

This, he said, unquestionably points to a revolution within that country and that the assassination of the Kaiser will be one of the first things that the United States may hear in the near future. This information, though startling in character, and may be regarded as a speculation, must, however, be regarded with some degree of consideration, for it was from this same source, long before the war was declared, that information was sent to Baltimore that orders had been given to dismantle the German vessels interned in Baltimore and prevent their use.

PREPARING GERMAN MIND

As was stated in yesterday's Gazette, Gen. von Liebert, in a speech at Rathenow, Prussia, a few days ago said:

"We cannot sign a peace before we have the Flanders coast, a colonial empire and maritime bases. Should we not realize this now we must prepare to work for it after the war in view of the next war."

It doesn't require much sagacity to see that General von Liebert is preparing the German people to receive the announcement of the utter failure of Germany to carry out her designs upon Belgium and Holland. Three years ago, when the Teuton hosts invaded France and Belgium, the people of the Fatherland were assured that the Netherlands would in future be governed by the Kaiser, while a large slice of northern France would be annexed to Germany.

After over three years of war—the bloodiest that has ever disgraced humanity,—the Teutons realize that they cannot bring about the fruition of their dreams, and that it is now necessary for the war lords to tell their dupes that another war will bring the results promised.

ONLY TWO SIDES TO A WAR.

William Jennings Bryan has the following to say in the Commoner:

"Before our nation enters a war it is perfectly proper to discuss the wisdom of going to war, but the discussion is closed when Congress acts. After that no one should be permitted to cloak attacks upon the claim that he is exercising freedom of speech.

"No sympathy, therefore, will be wasted upon those who have been arrested for unpatriotic utterances. They abuse free speech, and this applies to attacks upon the Allies as well as to attacks upon the United States. We can no more allow our allies to be crushed than we can afford to be crushed ourselves. The defeat of our allies would throw the whole burden of the war upon us. We must stand together and fight it through. There are only two sides to a war. Every American must be on the side of the United States."

THE I. W. W. MENACE.

One of the Washington papers today says the government has acted effectively in calling a halt upon the conspiracy of the leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World who hamper the nation in the prosecution of the war.

All the machinery of the government is being used to bring about complete co-operation from the industries, and commandeering has been resorted to in some instances. In the face of all this only the leaders of the I. W. W. and their followers have been permitted to run wild. No other section of the public has been permitted to exercise such license.

The government should have taken drastic measures aganist this organization long ago. It seems to be composed, in the main, of a generation of vipers which have raised their heads in the United States, at a time when every inhabitant should be earnestly at work upholding the hands of Uncle Sam.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Under the above heading the Gazette will be pleased to give reasonably space to any person who desires to make comment upon matters of general interest to the public. Writers will of course be responsible for their utterances. As a guarantee of good faith, the name and address of the writer of any article submitted for publication will be required in each instance.—Editor Gazette.

Editor Gazette:

Your correspondent having taken his departure from Hot Springs, Va., at the end of July has established himself with his constant companion in the old Episcopal rectory at Hempstead, Long Island, exactly twenty-two miles from the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in New York, and about seven miles from Greater New York, as it extends to the eastern boundary of the borough of Queens in the island. As we did not tarry in New York, or, in strictness of speech, the borough of Manhattan, we had the remarkable experience of not seeing it at all, because we entered it through the Pennsylvania tunnel under the Hudson, then passed to the Long Island Railroad Station, all in the same underground department, as the Pennsylvania station proper. Having boarded the Long Island train, we continued our 'submarine' journey, as one expressed it, the submarine part being definitely through the tunnel under East River, after which we emerged into the light of upper day at Long Island City, on our way to Hempstead via the 'incorporated village' or as we would call it, the town of Jamaica, which is now a part of Greater New York in the borough of Queens. Jamaica with its environs contains, as we are told, about 50,000 inhabitants. It is the centre of the railroad connections of the island. The lines of the Long Island Railroad from Manhattan and Brooklyn, respectively, meet here, and then divide, to serve the various points on the north and south shores, as they are called, of the island. The terminus of the north shore division is Green port, 96 miles from New York, and of the south, Montauk, 118 miles from that city, practically representing the extreme length of Long Island, as it runs east northeast to Block Island Sound.

Jamaica is eleven miles from the Pennsylvania Station in New York, and of course we had to change there for Hempstead our particular terminal point eleven miles farther on. Hempstead is an interesting old town settled permanently by the English from New England in 1643. It has the honor of being the first English settlement on Long Island, the Dutch being the first occupants, coming in 1623 to a place they called Nieuw Amersfoord, now Flatlands on Jamaica Bay, not far from the city of Brooklyn. The first New Englanders came to Hempstead in 1640 but were then driven out by the Dutch. Hempstead has a population of twelve thousand. The residence section is beautiful, consisting of frame houses, many of which are large and handsome, some quaint and old-fashioned, with fine well kept yards around them, and the streets shaded by noble old trees. The business part of the 'village' is not at all remarkable, although the Hempstead Bank occupies a fine brick building which would be a credit to a much larger town. The present town hall is an insignificant frame structure, but we are told the 'village' fathers intend to erect, within a very short time, a handsome and spacious hall, worthy of old Hempstead, in a fine park occupying the square in front of the rectory. The main streets are kept in splendid order, indeed they are part of the system of excellent roads which run throughout the island, for which reason Long Island is called the paradise of automobilists. Any visitor would at once conclude that this is true, as he sees for the first time especially on Saturdays and Sundays the long lines of automobiles on the main roads leading to noted points of interest, and the pleasure resorts. There is a good trolley system in the western part of the island. Hempstead properly belongs to that division of the island, known as the south shore, though not far from its centre line. This shore as it runs along the whole length of the island is characterized by a flat country perfectly level, comprising also a good portion of salt-marsh with creeks in winding courses running in from bays here and there along the Atlantic coast. The north shore extending to the Sound, on the other hand, is rugged, also having a number of fine bays, but little if any marsh land, owing to the rolling and hilly country rising almost immediately from the coast line. As we passed on the trolley a mile or so from Mineola the seat of the county, Nassau, to Port Washington, an old town on a bay extending inward from the Sound, we noticed the characteristics of the north shore very distinctly, while on our trips to Long Beach we marked with equal distinction the characteristics of the south shore. This was further impressed upon us by a delightful automobile trip some friends gave us, when we crossed the island twice passing again through Mineola where Mrs. de Saulles is now a prisoner in the sheriff's room of the jail, then on to the great United States Aviation field, which is now closely guarded, and the new encampment of the famous 69th New York regiment, now the 165th of the new army, together with other regiments swelling the number of troops here to 29 or 30,000, both of which places are a mile from Mineola, then on to Oyster Bay, where we were disappointed in not seeing the ex-President who has made it famous, riding out on horseback as we were told he often does, but it was concluded, so that we should not be disappointed too much, that he must have been away from home. We then went on to Cold Spring Harbor, an old whaling port on the Sound, to Huntington a very pleasant town, beautifully situated amidst its hills. On our way to this place we visited the United States Fish Hatchery for speckled trout, which was most interesting. Next, crossing the island on a splendid road, midway of our course, we saw the simple house, almost a shack, at West Hills in which Walt Whitman was born, as the inscription shows, in 1819. Then we again came to the south shore and passed through several villages to Hempstead our present home, of which we must tell some more notable things in another letter.

S. W.

Seven houses belonging to J. A. McCloud, Jr., in South Norfolk, were destroyed by fire Sunday morning at 2 o'clock. The fire threatened the entire business and residential block in which it was located.

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WOULD ASSIST GERMANY.

Greek King, However, Reminded Kaiser of Power of Allied Fleets.

London, Aug. 21.—An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that among the diplomatic documents found in Athens since the change in government is a dispatch of former King Constantine written a few days after the war began in response to a message from Emperor William, who proposed Greece should range herself on the side of the central powers. Constantine said in his reply:

"The emperor well knows my personal sympathies, a well as my political opinions attract me to his side Nevertheless it is impossible for me to understand in what manner I could be useful to him in mobilizing my army. The Mediterranean is at the mercy of the united fleets of England and France, which could destroy our navy and merchant marine, occupy our islands and, above all, prevent concentration of my army, which could be effected only by sea, in the absence of railway communication. Without it being in our power to be useful in any particular we would be wiped off the map. I am necessarily of the opinion that neutrality is imposed upon us."

MYSTERIOUS ATTACK.

Girl And Young Man of Maryland Shot as They Talk.

Cumberland, Md., Aug. 21.—Miss Lena Friend, 18 years old, of Friendsville, Garrett county, is at the Western Maryland Hospital here in a critical condition, the right side of her lower jaw having been shot away by an unknown assassin. Sunday night. George Sterling is at his home at Elderhill, 2 miles from Friendsville, with gunshot wounds in the right shoulder and hand.

The shot was fired from a gun as the young people were seated on the sofa in the parlor of the Friend home following their return from church, about 2 miles distant. While they were talking the shadowy figure of a man was noticed near the window and the charge from a shotgun followed.

Miss Friend's nose was peppered with shot and her right hand badly torn. Only one tooth remains in her mouth. A former admirer of Miss Friend is suspected of what the authorities call a deliberate attempt at murder. Jealousy is believed to have been the motive.

SURE OF SNOWDEN'S GUILT

Carter Certain Negro Killed Mrs. Brandon—Maintains Innocence.

Baltimore, Aug. 21.— Marshal of Police Carter is convinced that John Snowden, colored, who is being held in jail here, is guilty of murdering Mrs. Lottie May Brandon, wife of "Val" Brandon, employed by the Government in Annapolis. He stated yesterday that there was a chain of circumstantial evidence gathered around the negro that could not be broken down.

Snowden in the meantime protests his innocence. He states he is willing to go back to Annapolis for trial, feeling that it will be proved that he is innocent.

The authorities say they have eliminated others suspected of murdering the woman.

U. S. AND JAPAN.

Mission to Convince America of its Country's Good Will.

Japan will stand by the United States to the end of the war—and after.

She will ask no money, no material, no equipment.

She will exchange pledges of national, lasting friendship.

She will prove that Germany, instead of seeking to make an ally of her, has been trying by propaganda to cause war between Japan and the United States.

These are the outstanding aims of the forthcoming visit of the Japanese mission, which is expected to arrive here soon, and were outlined yesterday by a source close to the Japanese Empasy. He made these points:

1. The mission is one of sentiment.

2. Japan, unlike some of the other belligerents, is not in the slightest need of assistance, either financial or material. The mission will convince the Washington government of this.

3. Documentary evidence will be produced to show that Germany has spent vast sums in Japan and in the United States, to create ill-feeling and suspicion on both sides and bring about war.

4. Japan will support the United States to the utmost extremity during the war and after it. The mission hopes to take steps to obliterate international trouble makers.

WOULD PLACATE RUSSIA.

Fire Bombs Filled With Peace Pleas at Russ Trenches.

Petrograd, Aug. 21.—The Germans on the Riga front continue to fortify their positions, digging trenches and constructing seemingly impregnable forts.

Over many of the Teuton trenches white flags are waving, a new call to the Russians to fraternize. However, the Germans do not venture into the open, manifestly in fear of the Russian artillery, which plays a curtain of fire upon their trenches at the slightest sign of motion.

By means of a specially devised inoffensive bomb, projected by a novel mechanism, the Germans are scattering thousands of leaflets and papers published in Russian among the Muscovite lines. All of this matter contains appeals to the Russians to fraternize and to make a separate peace with the central powers. German prisoners taken in this sector explain that by similar bombs reports and orders are given and taken on this part of the German front, especially when telephone wires are cut off. The same prisoners state that large numbers of Teuton troops have been withdrawn to the western front, necessitating a delay in the offensive on the Riga front.

I. W. W. HELD IN CHECK

Threatened General Strike in The Northwest Fizzles After Seizure of Leaders.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—No evidence of a general strike of construction workers and harvest hands was visible in the Northwest States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana last night, and so far as could be ascertained no attempt was made by any Industrial Workers of the World leader to carry out the strike order issued recently by James Rowan, district Industrial Workers of the World secretary at Spokane.

The swift and unexpected action of military authorities at Spokane in arresting Rowan and 26 other alleged Industrial Workers of the World is believed to have had a powerful influence in deterring the radical members of the organization from precipitating a strike which it is admitted, might have had serious results.

KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Percentage Small in Comparison With Numbers Engaged.

Washington, Aug. 21.—That the risk of the fighting man is not nearly so great as is popularly imagined is the belief of Marine Corps officials here who have compiled statistics covering the allied losses in the war.

A careful estimate shows that only one man in fifteen is killed, and one out of five hundred loses a limb. Recent reports from French and British hospitals show that about 95 per cent recover from wounds, while about 90 per cent are able to return to the firing line.

While the Marine Corps officials hold unbiased views in regard to the expected casualties among their own troops in France, it is pointed out that the "Soldiers of the Sea" recently engaged in warfare in Haiti, suffered less than one per cent losses. These were sustained while covering a wide terrain, fighting from house to house, and capturing and holding small redoubts, taken one by one from the enemy. This method of warfare is said to be rapidly superseding the trench system on the Western front.

GET TWO YEARS EACH.

New York Exemptors Plead Guilty to Conspiracy to Obstruct Conscription.

New York, Aug. 21.—With two former members of Draft Exemption Board No. 99 in this city sentenced to two years each in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., after they had pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to obstruct the selective draft law, federal attorneys announced late yesterday that speedy justice would be sought in the case of Kalman Gruher, a dentist, indicted as an alleged "go-between." The government charged that Gruher arranged with drafted men for payment of money in return for false exemption certificates.

Louis I. Cheiner and Dr. A. S. Bernfeld are the former members of the board who pleaded guilty.

Three explosions along what is called the "powder line," at the Kings Mills, Ohio, yesterday morning killed four men and injured two. Four tons of blasting powder exploded in one of the small buildings, and that caused the powder in two other buildings to explode.

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$1.50 Boy's Wash Suits. Sale price	98c
Women's $25.00 Tailored Cloth Suits	$12.50
$2.50 Ladies' Parasols. Sale Price	$1.49
$3.50 Ladies' Parasols. Sale price	$1.98
$5.00 Ladies' Parasols. Sale price	$2.49
$1.25 to $1.50 Misses Silk Parasols. Sale price	69c
$1.98 to $2.50 Misses Parasols. Sale price	$1.25
$6.50 Boys' Wool Suits. Sale price	$3.98
$4.98 Boys' Wool Suits. Sale price	$3.50
$1.00 Boys' Grey Linen Pants. Sale price	69c
$2.50 Misses Middy Dresses. Sale price	$1.49
$1.25 Ladies' Crepe Gowns. Sale price	69c
$2.75 Large Bath Mats. Sale price	$1.69
$12.50 Ladie's and Misses White Dresses. Sale price	$6.98
$5.98 Misses and Ladie's White Dresses. Sale price	$3.49
$9.98 Ladies' and Misses White Net Dresses. Sale price	$5.98
$12.50 Ladies' and Misses White Net Dresses. Sale price	$7.49
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$6.50 Boys' Palm Beach Suits. Sale price	$2.49

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NEWS OF THE DAY

R. L. Hayes, young student aviator at the Wright aviation school, at Dayton, Ohio, was killed yesterday when he lost his balance while watching the operation of a revolving propeller on a Federal airplane and fell on the propeller.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced last night that he planned to make the torpedo boat destroyer fleet of the United States the largest in the world—even greater than that of England. He believes the destroyer the greatest weapon against the submarine.

Literally roasted to death in the cockpit of their aeroplane, Richard E. Mead, of Boston, and Charles A. Wall, Jr., of Buffalo, were killed late yesterday when their aeroplane, afire, dropped 400 feet at the Curtiss flying field at Buffalo, New York.

Semi-official opinion in Washington has apparently crystallized on the forecasts of the President's reply to Pope Benedict. The reply will await a conference of the allies, but the attitude of the United States will in no manner be constricted by determinations of the allies as to dispositions of European territory necessary to peace. The sine qua non upon which the United States will consider the cessation of hotilities will be the liberalization and democratization of Germany herself.

In principle the British government is of the opinion, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of Blockade, told the House of Commons yeterday, that neutral shipping which has been persistently and continuously assisting Great Britain's enemies should be treated after the war on the same footing as enemy shipping. Vessels that lie in port in consequence of the German government's threats, the minister added, would certainly be considered as assisting the belligerent objects of the enemy.

The commercial quarter of Saloniki has been destroyed by fire. It is believed the number of fatalities is small. Eighty thousand people who were rendered homeless are being removed to neighboring villages The fire is now under control.

The Berliner Tageblatt reports that more than 40,000 Berlin children have been sent to the country. About 20,000 of them have found homes in Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland, where they will stay until the end of the war. In the streets of the German capital very few children under 14 years are seen nowadays.

Hogs soared to $19.75 in Chicago yesterday. At today's price the packer is paying 19 3-4 cents a pound. From this price at least two profits are taken, the one by the packer and one by the retailer, so the effect on the cost of living readily may be seen.

Today the German Reichstag's main committee meets. As usual, the German military leaders will be called upon to give account of the situation. Optimistic dispatches from Berlin speak of an "improvement in the military situation" and of the central powers being "again in the ascendancy."

SHERIFF AND JUDGE HELD

U. S, Agent Charges Conspiracy to Violate Draft Law.

Russellville, Ky., Aug. 21.—Sheriff James S. Taylor, a member of the Logan county exemption board, and County Judge J. W. Edward were placed under arrest here yestrday by Deputy United States Marshal B. M. Richardson on the charge of conspiring to violate provisions of the Selective Draft law. Both were held by United States Commissioner George S. Hardy for examination August 29 and were released on bond of $5,000 each.

Sheriff Taylor is charged with promising exemptions to drafted men in exchange for political support. Judge Edward is charged with conspiring with him, but the extent of his alleged participation in exemption promises was not disclosed by B. H. Lyttleton, special agent of the Department of Justice, who secured the warrants.

Sheriff Taylor has been removed as a member of the draft board and a successor named. He charges his political opponent with causing his arrest. Both he and Judge Edward emphatically deny the charges.

IMPORTANT DECISION

United States Judge Rules That Act to Raise Army is Constitutional.

The draft law has been upheld in the first test of its constitutionality.

Judge Emory Speer, United States judge for the Southern District of Georgia, handed down at Mount Airy a decision to this effect. He rejected applications for writs of habeas corpus for two registration evaders, Albert Jones and John Story, who had been arrested for their failure to obey the law.

Application for the habeas corpus was made on the ground that the law violated the Thirteenth Amendment. This provides that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude except as punishment of crime whereof the parties shall have been duly convicted shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

In his decision, Judge Speer says: "To agree to this contention we must conclude that the soldier is a slave. Nothing could be more abhorrent to the truth, nothing more degrading to that indispensable and gallant body of citizens trained in arms, to whose manhood, skill and courage is, and must be, committed the task of maintaining the very existence of the nation and all that its people hold dear."

Judge Speer also said: "There remains to be considered the contention that Congress cannot employ the National Army to be created by virtue of this legislation in foreign lands or beyond the seas. If this is true, then, indeed, is our country impotent. Then must its people indeed suffer in their own homes, in their cities and on their farms, all the horrors of invasive war. Its military leaders must ignore the settled principles of their science—that the best defensive is the most vigorous offensive."

GERMANY WILL REPLY TODAY

Peace Note Will be "Affirmative Evasion" Is Dutch Prediction.

Amsterdam, Aug. 21.—To the main committee of the reichstag Dr. George Michaelis, imperial German chancellor, is expected to outline today the official attitude of Germany and her allies toward the Pope's peace proposal. The prompt dispatch of the central powers' official reply to the Vatican is looked for.

As to the German government's plans it is asserted in well-informed quarters that the central powers believe a tremendous strategical advantage will be gained by that group of belligerents which answers first.

The answer itself is expected to be a master piece of "affirmative negative" or "affirmative evasion." Like the last Austrian submarine note to the United States, which promised everything and nothing, it is expected to express the central powers' sincere and reverential indorsement of the Pope's lofty aims while stating, in conclusion in courteous but unmistakable phrases that:

1. There can be no question of any discussion of Alsace-Lorraine.

2. That certain points in the papal pronunciamento, such as Poland, Trieste and the Trentino, require a more definite elucidation before the central powers can afford to subscribe to the proposal for settlement.

As for Belgium those who have watched the sharp turn of public thought in Germany of late have little doubt that she is prepared to swallow the pill, bitter as it will be to the junkers.

In the main the reply is expected to suggest the old theory that the military operations should continue while representatives of the belligerents sit down to negotiate.

It is further expected Germany will make a special point of chronicling the various peace moves of the central powers and their rejections at the hands of the allies. An effort will be made, it is predicted, to draw a parallel between the Pope's peace message and the central powers of December 12, of last year.

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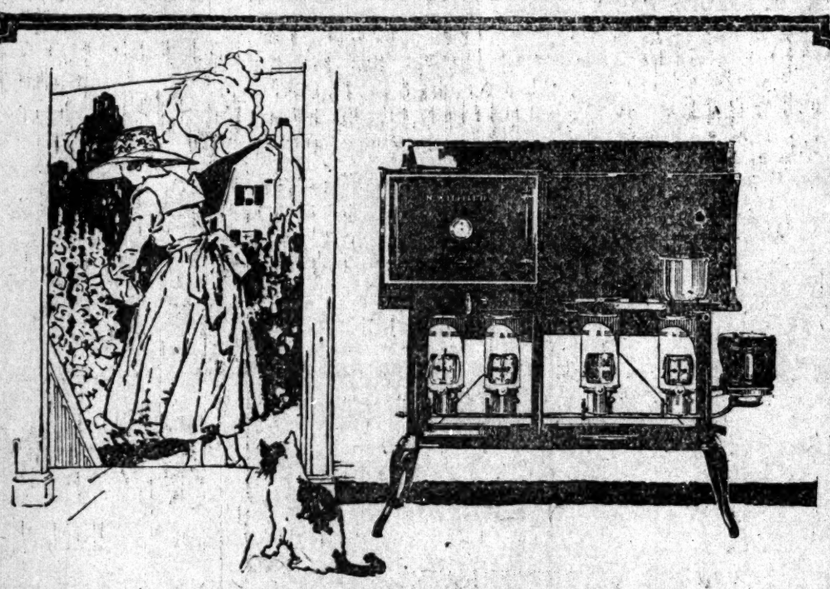

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